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Part B for January 1944.

SUBJECT Endowments offered by Sri T. Shanmugam on behalf of his brothers at Kandiyur for the performance of certain Seva including Pushpadharana to Sri Sthalasayana Perumal, Tanjore.

R. 4159 dated 20.1.1944.

To the Tanjore Collector.

I state that Government are pleased to accept the offer in favour of enlarging the privilege of persons entitled to the Pushpadharana and that there is no necessity to include this in the Schedule of Sevas as prescribed under "Rotika Vetcha" for it.

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rance of the endowment offered by Shri J Shamiengar for enforming certain sevas to Shri Narayana Swamy at Melkote including Pushpadharane seva. 2642/R

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Letter No. M-4-C.1185/43-43, dated the 20th December 1943, from the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore, soliciting in the circumstances explained, sanction to allow Shri J. Shamien who has deposited a sum of Rs. 3000/- in the State Treasury, as an endowment to perform, among other sevas, the pushpadharane seva in front of a particular house at Melkote to Shri Chelvarayana Swamy, on two days in the year, viz., Pushya Nakshatra Day in Karkataka Masa and Anuradha Nakshatra day in Makara Masa, subject to the payment of Rs.2-8-0 on each day as 'Rokka Vetcha'.

(1) In his application dated the 10th May 1943, to the M.C. Shri J. Shamiengar has furnished the details of the sevas to be performed in Shri Chelvanarayana Swamy Temple at Melkote, in memory of his paternal grandfather and his mother on the two above mentioned days. The amount of Rs 3000/- has been deposited by him in the name of his brother Shri Srinivasachar, Engineer Bombay, on 24th March 1943, and the endowment has been accepted by the M.C. for the performance of all the sevas in question except the one relating to the decoration of the idol of Shri Chelvanarayana Swamy with garlands of flowers (on Pushya Nakshatra day in Karkataka Masa) known as Pushpadharana Seva. Orders are sought to permit the performance of this seva by the donor, (or any member of his family) in front of the house at Melkote, of his kinsman Srirangam Sampathkumarachar.

(2) The records received show that the performance of this seva, has been the subject of much controversy and correspondence in the past. It is stated that Pushpadharana to the Utsava murthy of Shri Narayana Swamy, is more in the nature of an honour to, than of a service to be performed by the de-

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(3) In the year 1929-30 Kedambi Thirunarayangar and his son Desikachar, residing at Melkote, applied to the M.C. offering certain Brahmadaya inam lands in his possession to the Temple of Shri Chelwa narayana Swamy, as endowment, for the performance of certain Sevas on 8 specified days, including pushpadharana to the idol. The endowment was accepted by the M.C. in his order No. R. Dis. 65/34-35, dated the 12th October 1934.

(4) The Temple servants, were however, not satisfied with the arrangement made regarding the performance of these Sevas as Pushpadharana seva was included, and they considered that the right to perform this particular seva vested in a select few, including the Acharya Purushas of the Temple, as per precedent, and that it was not advisable to extend the privilege to others. They tried to circumvent the order of the local authorities by pleading that at every time this seva was performed, they were put to physical strain, as the idol with allied paraphernalia had to be held just above the ground for more than half an hour, and that pleased the number of these sevas had therefore to be limited. And in fact, the rivals of Thirunarana Ayengar, urged Javali Krishnamachar, one of for the grant of the right to perform Pushpadharana seva, because the latter was permitted to perform this seva. In the course of an appeal from Krishnamachar ensuing proceedings on the subject, the then D.C., Mysore District, observed that as the seva involved extra trouble to the temple, and as it was an honour bestowed on Acharya purushas, it was not desirable to add any more names to the list of persons

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who enjoyed the right to perform this seva, prepared in 1862. He accordingly refused to grant the request of Krishnamachar to perform this seva.

(5) As the local officers declined to recognise the claim of Thirunaranaiengar and his son Desikachar to perform the said service, Consequent on the acceptance of the endowment offered by them, they had to approach the M.C. The M.C. issued instructions to the D.C. that all the conditions on which the lands were accepted from Thirunaranaiengar should be respected and that necessary action should be taken. It is seen that the name of Thirunaranaiengar's name has been registered in the list stated to have been prepared in 1936 to show the names of the few privileged persons who were entitled to perform this seva subsequent to 1862.

(6) Two lists are forthcoming in the records. The first one is a copy of the original list stated to have been drawn up in 1862, and it contains the names of 17 persons, including the representative of Shri Parakala Mutt — which appears twice in the list. The second list prepared in 1936 contains 12 names including that of Thirunaraniengar. The list has been prepared in the Temple, on the basis of the practice obtainining in the locality, whereby certain individuals or families, and some of the temple servants were allowed the right to perform Pushpadharana. The approval of competent authority to the inclusion of these names has not been obtained, with the exception of two cases.

(7) It is seen from the records that two other persons H.S. Doreswamy Iyengar and M.N. Narasimha Iyengar, who applied for permission to perform this seva, were not allowed to do

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(8) In the present case, the temple servants have represented that extension of the right to perform this seva entails extra work and worry for them and that for the additional work and longer hours they are not at all remunerated. No doubt many of them are interested in taking sides with factions, which is to some extent, responsible for their attitude towards the orders issued by the Peshkar regarding the performance of the seva, and for the disciplinary action taken against them, when they refused to allow Thirumananiengar to perform the seva, previously.

(9) The Dharmadarshi's have referred to their previous resolution, and seem to be reluctant to allow the performance of the seva. They state that if permission is to be granted to Shri T Shamiengar, the temple servants concerned may be paid adequate remuneration for the additional work involved. But the local officers are not in favour of extending the privilege to the party, for the same reasons as before which led to the refusal of the request of Krishnamacharya Doreswamy Iyengar and Narasimha Iyengar.

(10) The M.C. states that this may be treated as a special case and sanction accorded to permit the seva being performed by the person or persons concerned. This case is similar to that of Kadamba Thirumaranaienger, wherein lands were offered and accepted as endowment for the performance of certain sevas in the temple, including Pushpadhoranam. If the proposal of the M.C. is sanctioned, the general question, whether this privilege should or should not be extended to others who may request for permission in future arises, and these two cases would be quoted by them as precedents likely to be

(11) whether Pushpadhoranam ceremony is an honour or only a seva and / which is a term

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(12) The M.'s recommendation
attended with
may be sanctioned

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(13) This is a case in which it seems
desirable to proceed cautiously. 'Pushparadam'
is not included in the schedule of fees
prescribed for private servants. It is
reasonable to assume that if it were a
'Seva' it would found a place in the
schedule. This circumstance lends support-
to the findings of the Dy. comm
reported given in this case viz 155/36
to the effect that 'Pushparadham' is
an honour bestowed on Acharyapurushas
only as per list prepared in 1862. It
is true that the privilege has been
since extended to 12 more persons
who are not 'acharyapurushas' as per
list prepared in 1936. But in most
cases, the authority for the inclusion in
the list is not forthcoming. In the
case of Kadambi Thirumalaya Iyengar
it is stated that the H.C. granted
this privilege which accompanied his
endowment in 1824. A Copy of the
order passed in this connection is

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in the file. I do not find any specific reference to 'Pushpaparadhana' in the body of the order. It is probable that it is mentioned in the registered deed referred to in the order. In the absence of the connected records it is impossible to say whether the H.C. was aware that a controversy existed regarding 'Pushpaparadana' when he accepted the endowment. But when the temple servants raised objection subsequently he insisted that the terms of the endowment should be strictly carried out. Except this one case, the other cases mentioned in the 1936 list do not appear to be suppressed by competent selection.

(14) The records show that both the Dharmadarsis and the local officers are averse to accepting this privilege to persons not already in the two lists. The temple servants are opposed to perform this seva (called 'Rokkaveeka') is paid to them. Considering all the circumstances I am inclined to the view expressed by the D.C. myself that accepting the present recommendation of the H.C.

(15) [illegible] (Ex R 82) by [illegible]

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(18) For Secy

[2] Issued No. R. 4159, dated the 20th January 1944

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States that Govt. are not in favour of enlarging the list of persons entitled to the privilege of Pushpadharane and that therefore it is unnecessary to include this in the schedule of sevas or prescribe any 'rokka-vetcha' for it

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No.M4-1185/43-44 OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE

Bangalore, 20th December ... ... 1943.

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FROM Rajasevaprasakta
M. Seshadri, Esq., M.A.,
The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,

21.12.1943

To

K. Subba Rao, Esq., B.A.,
Additional Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, Bangalore.

22/12/43

SIR,

Endowment of Rs 3,000 by Mr. P. Srinivasachar, Engineer, Jogeswar, Bombay - in favour of Sri Narayanaswami Temple, Melkote.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, the file of correspondence ending with letter No.Hl.350/42 dated 14th September 1943, from the Deputy Commissioner, Mandya District, on the above subject.

2. Mr. T. Shamiengar Additional District and Sessions Judge, Bangalore, has offered an endowment of Rs 3000 on behalf of his brother, Mr. P. Srinivasachar, Engineer, Jogeswar, Bombay, for the performance of certain sevas (as per list furnished by him, which is in the records), in the Sri Narayanaswami Temple at Melkote, on Pushya Nakshatra Day, in Karkataka masa, and Anuradha Nakshatra Day, in Makara masa. One of the itemsm of the sevas stipulated by Mr. T. Shamiengar is 'Pushpadharane', that is the offer of flowers, fruits, etc., to Sri Cheluvarayaswamy and other idols in procession, in front of the house of Pandit Srirangam Sampathkumarachar, who is a relation of Mr. T. Shamiengar. The dharmadarsis of the temple have opined that the privilege of the performance of pushpadharane seva may be extended to the sevarthadars, subject to the payment of Rokka Vetcha amount to the temple servants.

3. From the records it is seen that Pushpadharane Kainkarya was an honour that was being exercised by acharyapurushas only, as per list prepared in 1862. But this privilege has been extended to about 12 other sevarthadars, as per list prepared in 1936. The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, in his case No.155/36 has observed that the performance of pushpadharane seva is a source of extra labour to the temple servants as the bearers will have to hold the palanquin, about 2 to 2 ft. above ground; that the addition of names to the list of 1862 was not an

that, as these additional sevarthadars have been exercising this priv for many years, it is not equitable to disturb their right; and that no more right of performing Pushpadharane seva should be extended.

4. The present Deputy Commissioner, Mandya District, reports that the question of acceptance of the endowment of Mr. T. Shamiengar offered in favour of his brother may be considered after the question of allowing pushpadharane seva is settled.

5. Mr. Shamiengar has credited Rs 5000 to 7(a) Charitable Deposits, at the State Huzur Treasury, on 26th March 1943; and I have sanctioned the acceptance of the endowment under the Charitable Deposits Rules, except the item of Pushpadharane seva.

6. The dharmadarsis are agreeable to extend the privilege of Pushpa-dharane Kainkaryam to the donor, as desired by him, subject to the recovery of Rokka Vetcha. The temple servants have also stated in their petition dated 7th August 1943, to the Temple Office, that, at least, a sum of Rs 3 may be paid to them as Rokka Vetcha for such occasions of pushpadharane seva.

7. In the above circumstances, I request that sanction of Government may, kindly, be obtained to the request of Mr. T. Shamiengar, to perform pushpadharane seva on both the seva days, as a special case, subject to payment of Rokka Vetcha of Rs 3 for each occasion, as the rate of fee for this seva has not been fixed and included in the schedule of rates of fees for private sevarthas in the temple, approved in G.O.No.2171-74/Muz.24-30-5 dated 1st April 1931.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,,

K V Reddy

Muzrai Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
MANDYA DISTRICT,
Mandya, Dated 14th September 1943.

From

MIR SAFDAR HUSSAIN, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Mandya District,
MANDYA.

To

RAJASEVAPRASAKTA
H. Seshagiri, Esq., M.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

SUBJECT:- Acceptance of the charitable endowment of Rs.3000/- offerred by Mr. P. Srinivasachar, Engineer, Jogeshwar, Bombay, for the performance of certain sevas in the Sri Narayanaswamy temple at Melkote.

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With reference to your memo No. P.C.449/42 dated 3-4-43 calling for a report on the above subject, I have the honour to forward herewith one file of records enquiry with French-Rocks Sub Division Officer's Memo No.1706/41 dated 7-9-1943 and to state as follows:-

It is seen from the application of the Donor that one of the sevas to be performed out of the income realised from the endowment of Mr. Srinivasachar is "Puspadharane" on 'Pushya Nakshatra day' in Karkataka Masa and 'Anuradha' Nakshatra day in Makara Masa of future years before the house of Sri Rangesa Sampathkumarachar.

The Dharmadarsies of the temple, the Amildar and the Sub Division Officer are of opinion that no more 'Pushpadharane sevas' should be allowed even including the present case. In this connection I would invite kind reference to the observations made by the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District in Miscellaneous case No.F 155/36-37, (Copy enclosed). Accordingly, Pushpadharana is an honour bestowed on Acharyapurushas found in the list prepared in 1932 and that it is not in the nature of seva and that if it were the latter option would have been made of it in the scale patti under sevas or utsavas and that more puspadharane rights should be extended, the right being limited to the persons noted in the list prepared in 1932, as otherwise it would cause fresh inconvenience to the temple servants. In accordance with this principle, the applications of Messers. Tavalli Krishnachar, R. S. Doreswamy Iyengar and T. K. Narasimha Iyengar for 'Puspadharana' to Sri Cheluvanarayanaswamy before the houses of the respective persons have been declined as could be kindly seen from the connected records.

As regards the conduct of other sevas contained in the application of the Donor no objection is put forth for their conduct. In these circumstances the question of accepting the endowment from the Donor may kindly be considered after the question of 'Pushpadharana' is settled and if he agrees to omit it from the list of sevas to be performed.

The application of Mr. T. Rama Iyengar along with the resolution of the Dharmadarsies of the temple and the views of the temple Officials thereon, together with the file relating to the decisions passed on the applications of several other persons in the matter of 'Puspadharana' are enclosed herein for favour of kind perusal and return.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
MANDYA.
On tour out of Head Quarters

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Dated the January 1944.

To - The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

Endorsement offered by Shri T. Shamiengar on behalf of his brother at Bombay for the performance of certain Sevas including Pushparadhana to Shri Chelua Narayana Swamy, Melkote.

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With reference to your letter No. M4-C 1125/43-44 dated the 20th December 1943, on the above subject, I am directed to state that ~~as the Dharmadarshis of the Temple at Melkote and all the local officers are averse to according the privilege of performing Pushpārādhana Seva to Shri Narayana Swamy, to persons~~ whose names are not already in the two lists prepared in 1862 and 1936, Govt ~~Consider that it is not advisable to extend such privileges which leads to trouble~~, and that therefore, your recommendation to permit the donor to perform the said seva cannot be accepted.

2. The entire file of the connected records is herewith returned

I have, etc.,

Additional Secretary
to Government

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UT Endorsement Offered by Shri T. Shamiengar on behalf of his brother at Bombay, for the performance of certain Sevas including Pushpadharana to Sri Cheluva-Narayana Swamy, Melkote, French Rocks Taluk.

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To

The Mukrai Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

General and Revenue Secretariat

(Mux. Section)

the 18th January 1944.

With reference to your letter No M4-C. 1185/43-44, dated the 28th December 1943, on the above subject, I am directed to state that Govt. are not in favour of enlarging the list of persons entitled to the privilege of Pushpadharana and that therefore it is unnecessary to include this in the schedule of sevas or prescribe any rokka reteha for it.

2- The entire file of the connected records is herewith returned.

I have, etc.,

for Additional Secretary to Government

Date of issue 20-1-44

Signed by Mr. Sivayya

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(iii) Mux Mis No. H 155/36-d 14-8-7. D.C. Mysore

(iv) List of enclosures " Case No. 10f 38-39 d 5-10-39.

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